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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

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Boat Right – Be Polite

Tubing, wake boarding and water skiing are popular summer activities on Buck Lake, and while they can provide immense enjoyment for those participating, they can also be a source of great annoyance for some of your friends and neighbours around the lake. This is especially true on a small lake like Buck Lake, where in many areas it is difficult to get very far from shore.



Boat Right – Be Polite is the slogan of a boater education program developed by the Lake of Bays Association after conducting a recreational boating survey, which found that five activities - water skiing, tubing, wakeboarding and operating personal watercraft or noisy boats cause particular problems for other people enjoying the lake. This article is taken from their [pamphlet](#) and outlines some guidelines to help reduce the impact of those activities on your friends and neighbours.

Boat Right

- Towboats must have an operator, a spotter and a seat for each person being towed.
- Do not tow before sunrise or one hour after sunset.
- Remember, the speed limit is **10 kilometres per hour within 30 metres of shore**.
- Those towed must wear an approved personal flotation device.
- Know and obey the right-of-way rules.
- You can take off from shore at speed provided you drive **straight** out from shore.

Be Polite

- Keep well beyond the 30 metre limit to avoid swimmers and boaters near shore.
- Don't swing your riders in front of other people's docks. Drop them outside the 30 metre limit or come in and out perpendicular to your dock.
- Avoid multiple runs in the same area. Vary your route to share the pain.

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- Keep a safe distance from other towboats, which stop and turn unpredictably.
- Don't tow around canoes, kayaks, sailboats or small outboards. They may cross your rider's path, and your wake can capsize them.
- Concentrate! Most boating incidents are caused by operators not paying attention.

More Considerations for Wake Boarding

- Boats designed for wake boarding can create much bigger wake than other boats on the lake. Guidelines indicate that you should try to keep at least **300 metres** off shore. Your wake can damage docks, moored boats, the shoreline, and wildlife habitat. The 30 metre limit is not enough for your wake to dissipate. Realistically, however, there is almost nowhere on Buck Lake that is **300 metres** from all shorelines – meaning this limit is not really feasible on our lake. Even so, please try to use areas where you can keep as far from shore as possible.
- Repeated runs in front of the same cottages are profoundly annoying because of swells and noise. Vary your route frequently.

The mission of the Buck Lake Association is: To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations. Please try to be considerate so that your enjoyment of Buck Lake is not spoiling it for others.



Inflatable PFD's – What are the Rules for Using Them in Canada?

Inflatable personal flotation devices (PFD's) are becoming a popular alternative to bulkier traditional PFD's. However, it is important to understand how and when they may be used in order to comply with Canadian boating regulations.

The most significant difference in the rules for inflatable PFD's compared to regular PFD's is that that you have to be **WEARING** an inflatable PFD for it to be approved on an open boat, (i.e. virtually all boats used on Buck Lake). A regular PFD just needs to be in the boat with you. A family on Buck Lake was recently fined by the OPP for

having only inflatable PFD's in the boat and not wearing them.

In addition to this, the following restrictions apply to inflatable PFD's:

- You must be at least 16 years old to wear an inflatable PFD.
- No one may wear an inflatable PFD on a personal watercraft.
- No one may use an inflatable PFD for white-water paddling activities.

Finally, although these PFDs inflate quickly, Transport Canada warns that weak swimmers may feel like it takes forever. All Canadian-approved inflatable PFDs have an oral inflation tube in case the CO₂ inflation system fails. Be aware that this tube could be hard to use when you are trying to keep your head above water.

For more information, consult the [Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide](#).

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Paradise Lost? Invasive Species and A Changing World

On July 23rd, the Friends of the Lake committee hosted their ever-popular education event. This year the topic was invasive species, presented by Dr. Stephen Loughheed, the Director of the Queen's University Biological Station. Stephen presented a somewhat dire picture of the spread of invasive species and the decline of some of our well-known native species, promoted in part by increased global travel and by climate change.

We at Buck Lake are fortunate in that we currently have a limited number of invasive species in and around the lake. However, it is important that we all continue to do our part to keep it that way. Some of the simple things he indicated that we can do include:

- **Don't move firewood.** Transporting firewood from one location to another can help pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer migrate to new areas
- **Disinfect and dry out watercraft and PFD's** when moving your boat between different water bodies. This is especially important, as once an invasive species enters one area of the lake it can readily spread throughout the entire lake, potentially spoiling fishing, swimming and other water activities for all of us.
- **Plant native gardens**
- **Plant pollination friendly plants**
- **Education**



The Natural Edge – Shoreline Naturalization Program from Watersheds Canada

Submitted by Martha Scheinman

For anyone with a 'landscaped' shoreline and waterfront who is interested in returning them to a more natural setting *The Natural Edge* may be the ideal program for you. We had two summer students from Watersheds Canada visit our home on the South Branch of Buck Lake this summer. We toured the shoreline together and discussed the natural features of our waterfront including the diversity of trees, shrubs, grasses and groundcover that are helping to stabilize our shoreline from erosion. The mounds of branches that have collected in the small coves along the shore also serve to improve water quality by filtering runoff. No major enhancements to our shoreline were needed however one of the students suggested we might like to try a new ground cover and that pruning some of the smaller trees would encourage growth and improve their appearance.

The Natural Edge program provides free visits to your waterfront property during which staff provide advice and recommendations for your shoreline. Project staff then create a customized planting plan for your property. Once you approve the plan and sign a stewardship agreement (to reasonably care for your new plants) *The Natural Edge* will cover 75% of the cost of ordering, delivering and planting all of the plants – including trees, shrubs and ground cover.

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The landowner contributes 25% of the total project cost. Overall cost depends on the size of the shoreline and the number of plants chosen for the site.

To book a free site visit and for more information contact:
Watersheds Canada
The Natural Edge
613-264-1244
<http://watersheds.ca>

When Golfers Become Poets

For the past six years the Buck Lake Monday Morning Golf League has held a tournament where teams from the North Branch compete against teams from the South. This year looked to be a low-key affair until suddenly a poem appeared from the North.

The Battle of the Branches Author Anonymous

Monday is the day the battle begins,
The South have the numbers and would love to win.
We from the North, in numbers are small
But faced with a challenge, we'll slam that ball.
We'll putt, chip and drive for show
We'll teach the South the way to go.
Those from the North are strong and free
But we will kick your asses and do it with glee!
We are tired of the arrogance from the South that we see,
So, come out on Monday, we'll meet on the tee!!!!

Not to be out done, the South Branch sharpened up its pencils and fired back these words

Thank you for your words
You've fired up the nerds
Tomorrow is the test
Which branch shall be the best
After last years pain
The south shall rise again!!!!
Author Bill Shakespeare South Branch

Rapidly followed by a second poem.

The North Branch Had a Little Poem

The North Branch had a little poem. Its words were oh so sweet
But when Monday rolls around, we'll see who will get beat

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The South Branch has the numbers. We know that much is true.
We also have the spirit, and the nicer golfers too.

The North Branch has the golfers who drive and chip and putt.
But when the round is over, they may not make the cut
The South Branch has the golfing boss, who calculates the score.
No matter how the golfing goes, she determines who has more.

Two more poems then appeared from the North...

At 9 AM July 20 at Evergreen
The North will face the South, team against team
The large South team will put up a good fight
But unfortunately all their balls will be hit out of sight
They will count their strokes, one by one
But the Battle of the Branches has already been won
By the mighty North team though small in size
They made shot after shot with so little tries.

By Kate and Grace (as cottagers on the North Branch are routing for the North even though their grandparents are playing for the South)

and

In days of yore (if you know the score)
Lake's branches were well matched
With talents and numbers about on a par
The challenge cup was fair hatched.
Current poems and their phrases quite pointed
Seem to the reader exploitive
Of northerners' injury and other misfortunes
(To play would be something like tortures).
Though the odds rhyme with ditty
Our Branch is some gritty.
We'll give it a go; hope scores will be low,
An underdog win would be pretty

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For a while, all was quite and then as thunderstorms rolled in across Buck Lake, two more lines came again from the north side.

Here the thunder, hear the roar
The Northern branch is about to soar!!!!!!

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North Branch 2015 Golf Champions

With the battle lines drawn, the tournament began on Monday morning. It was a beautiful day and fun was had by all. This year, congratulations go to the North Branch who for the second year in a row managed to defeat the mighty South.

The Battle of the Branches has come and gone this year.
 All kinds of quirky poems were sent to cheer the teams.
 With 30 playful golfers, the round was full of fun.
 So KUDOS to the North Branch, but we do not despair the South will rise again!!!!

And as a fitting end to the poetic rivalry, the ever-creative Flanfumms submitted this final verse.

The Battle of The Branches, has seen another end.
 Both sides brought their "A" game. No other would they send.
 Although there is a victor, that matters not in fact.
 For meeting with our lake friends, is really where it's at.

Thanks to Anna Fummerton and Mike Flannigan for starting the "Battle of the Poems", and thanks to Jo Anne Hopkins for organizing the tournament and for forwarding all the poems to all the golfers. Looking forward to next year!!

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Buck Lake Annual Picnic

It was another awesome picnic this year on August 8th at Harris Park in Perth Road Village!! Great food, lots of fun for the kids and so wonderful to visit with our friends and neighbours from around the lake. Thanks to all the organizers and volunteers who help to put on this event each year. Another great job - as always.



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Perth Road Village Sunday School Hall
Call 613-353-1690 to Donate.

The Rider Cup Golf Tournament is September 13th and there are a few openings left. \$50.00 per person (power carts are extra). The dinner this year is Barbeque Chicken.

Murder Mystery to support the Boatilla at the Westport Legion

Friday October 23, 6 pm start. \$25 per person.
Limited tickets so reserve yours now by emailing Donna Neumannn at dneumann@kingston.net
or call 613-273-8047.

At the Murder Mystery, we would like to have a silent auction. Please let Donna know if you have any items, services, gift certificates, baking etc. that you could donate.
Again, our portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Boatilla.

In order to promote the spirit of Buck Lake People, we invite your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements. Mail to: info@bucklake.ca

Lake Plan link: [Lake Plan Web Version](#)

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